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SUBJECT: JAPANESE/IAEA SAFEGUARDS DISCUSSIONS

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1. SUMMARY: JAPANESE DELEGATION PRESENTED, DURING DEC. 10 TO 17 DISCUSSION WITH AGENCY, PROPOSALS FOR SUBSIDIARY SAFEGURDS ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING THREE "EXAMPLES" OF FACILITY ATTACHMENTS. THESE PROPOSALS PUT LEVEL OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS EFFORT BELOW THAT UNDER EURATOM/IAEA ARRANGEMENT, DURING DISCUSSIONS. AND IN TWO NOTES GIVEN TO JAPANESE, AGENCY TOOK RATHER FIRM LINE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO "CONNECTION" BETWEEN THESE DISCUSSIONS AND JAPANESE NPT RATIFICA-TION, AND THAT JAPAN COULD NOT GET A "BETTER DEAL" THAN EURATOM. IN CALL ON MISSION, JAPANESE DELEGATION SAID THEIR PROPOSAL WAS TECHNICALLY BETTER THAN EURATOM/IAEA ARRANGEMENT, AND INDICATED DOUBTS ABOUT AGENCY'S HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON FLOW VERIFICATION. THEY ALSO INDICATED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HAD ENHANCED CONFIDENTIAL

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PROSPECTS OF NPT RATIFICATION. EDN SUMMARY.

- 2. JAPANESE DELEGATION INCLUDING IMAI (FOR FIRST TWO DAYS), HAGINOYA (MITSUBISHI), HIRATA (JAERI), AND SASAKI (AEB) HELD DISCUSSIONS IN VIENNA WITH IAEA SECRETARIAT FROM DEC. 10 TO DEC. 17. ACCORDING TO ALL AGENCY ACCOUNTS, IT WAS DIFFICULT SESSION.
- 3. BEFORE DETAILED DISCUSSION STARTED, DG EKLUND GAVE TO JAPANESE MISSION NOTE (COPIES POUCHED ADRESSEES) ADDRESSING "FRAMEWORK" OF DIS-CUSSIONS, AFTER RECALLING JAPANESE DESIRE AVOID "DISDVANTAGEOUS" TREATMENT, NEGOTIATION AND APPROVAL OF JAPAN SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT, AND ESTABLISH-MENT AT JAPANESE SUGGESTION, OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SAFEGUARDS IMPLEMENTATION, NOTE STATES: QUOTE THE DIRECTOR GENERAL UNDERSTANDS THE PROPOSAL FOR THESE DISCUSSIONS TO BE AN INDICATION OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO PROCEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE RATIFICATION AND IMPLE-MENTATION OF THE TREATY OF THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BUT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO STRESS THAT. IN VIEW OF THE ACTION ALREADY TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN APPROVING THE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. THERE CAN BE NO DIRECT CONNEC-TION BETWEEN THESE DISCUSSIONS AND THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR SUCH RATIFICATION.

UNQUOTE.

4. ACCORDING TO SECERTARIAT, JAPAN PRESENTED PROPOSALS FOR "RULES AND METHODS" PART OF SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS (ANALOGUS TO THAT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN EURATOM AND IAEA), AND FOR FACILITY ATTACHMENTS COVERING LOW-ENRICHED FUEL FABRICATION PLANT, LIGHT WATER REACTOR, FAND REPORCESSING PLANT. DIFFERENT APPROACH FROM THAT IN EURATOM AGREEMENT WAS USED, AND RESULTING PROPOSED LEVELS OF AGENCY INSPECTION ARE SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW THOSE IN EURATOM "EXAMPLE" FACILITY ATTACHMENTS.

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5. WE HAVE NOT SEEN AND DO NOT KNOW DETAILS JAPANESE PROPOSAL. ACCORDING TO ONE AGENCY PARTICIPANT, JAPANESE MADE ARGUMENT THAT RESULTS OF JAPANESE NATIONAL INSPECTION SYSTEM (INDEPENDENT OF OPERATORS) CAN BE ACCEPTED BY AGENCY, BECAUSE JAPAN WILL HAVE RATIFIED NPT, AND THUS, DIVERSION BY GOVERNMENT WILL BE PRECLUDED. WHILE WE DO NOT BELIEVE JAPANESE REALLY MISUNDERSTAND

BASIS AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY SO COMPLETELY, THIS GIVES SOME FLAVOR OF DISCUSSION.

6. JAPANESE DELEGATION VISITED US MISSION DECEMBER 15, AND CONFIRMED THAT THEIR PROPOSAL WOULD RESULT IN LOWER LEVELS OF AGENCY INSPECTION THAN THOSE FORESEEN UNDER EURATOM-IAEA ARRANGEMENTS. THEY SAID MAIN SUBSTANTIVE POINT WAS DEFINITION OF "SIGNIFICANT OUANTITY". BUT DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE.

7. ON LAST DAY OF DISCUSSION, AGENCY GAVE SECOND NOTE TO JAPANESE DELEGATION (TRANSMITTED SEPTEL) REITERATING THAT IAEA/JAPAN AGREEMENT WILL BE "NOT LESS FAVORABLE" THAN EURATOM AGREEMENT, ASSUMING CONDITIONS SIMILAR, BUT CLEARLY IMPLYING AGENCY UNWILLINGNESS TO GIVE JAPAN BETTER TREATMENT, AND SAYING THAT JAPANESE PROPOSAL IN THESE DISCUSSIONS WOULD RESULT IN "LESS EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDS". WE UNDERSTAND FROM IG ROMETSCH THAT HE INSISTED ON LATTER BEING PROMINENT FEATURE OF NOTE. WHILE IN EFFECT A REJECTION OF THEIR PROPOSAL, WE DOUBT THAT JAPANESE EXPECTED ANYTHING ELSE. MISOFF ASKED HAGINOYA AT LUNCH DEC. 17 (BEFORE HE RECEIVED NOTE) HOW IT WAS GOING, AND HE SAID HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD GET A REAFFIRMATION OF EQUAL TREATMENT WITH EURATOM, WHICH OUTCOME WOULD BE "NOT

8. RE NPT RATIFICATIN, HIRATA WAS CONFIDENT NPT RATIFICATION WOULD PASS DIET BY MARCH OR APRIL. CHANCES FOR FAVORABLE ACTION HAD IMPROVED, HE SAID,

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AS RESULT OF EFFORTS BY LDP OFFICIAL NAKASONE TO OVERCOME OBJECTIONS TO TREATY ON PART OF SEVERAL LDP MEMBERS OF UPPER HOUSE (INCLUDING GENDA AND TAMAKI).

9. COMMENT: JAPANESE PROPOSALS REFLECT LONG-STANDING OPINION OF IMAI THAT EURATOM NEGOTIATORS HAD UNDERTAKEN TO CARRY OUT FAR MORE THAN WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SPECIFIED LEVEL OF IAEA INSPECTION EFFORT. LATTER, MOREOVER, WAS MORE THAN REALLY REQUIRED, IN IMAI'S VIEW. THUS, JAPANESE PROPOSALS WENT BEYOND "EQUAL TREATMENT" SLOGAN AND SOUGHT TO HAVE BOTH NATIONAL SYSTEM AND IAEA DO LESS THAN FORESEEN IN EURATOM/IAEA ARRANGEMENTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AWKWARD MOMENTS AROSE DURING DISCUSSIONS RE COMPARISONS WITH EURATOM/IAEA ARRANGEMENTS SINCE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL. DETAILS MIGHT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED VIA JAPANESE MEMBER IAEA INSPECTORATE OR, MORE LIKELY, CONFIDENTIAL

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FROM EURATOM. MEMBER IAEA INSPECTORATE HAS TOLD US THAT MEMBER JAPANESE DEL TOLD HIM THAT JAPANESE SAFEGUARDS PEOPLE VISIT EURATOM SAFEGUARDS ORGANIZATION IN LUXEMBURG FROM TIME-TO-TIME. HIRATA'S FORECAST FOR JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF NPT CORRESPONDS PRECISELY WITH EC BRUSSEL'S FORECAST FOR EURATOM-IAEA AGREEMENT COMING INTO FORCE. THIS MAY RPT MAY BE COINCIDENCE. TACTICS OF JAPANESE WOULD SEEM TO BE GOVERNED BY PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF REDUCTION OF LEVEL OF EFFORT OF BOTH NATIONAL SYSTEM AND IAEA. THEY MAY BE RECONCILED TO FACT THAT JAPAN CANNOT GET BETTER DEAL THAN EURATOM. THEREFORE, THEY MAY (IF NOT ALREADY TRIED) ATTEMPT PERSUADE EURATOM TO JOIN RANKS WITH THEM.LABOWITZ

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